	Name of the Project	Implementing Agency Capacity (MW)	Present Status
4.	Mangalore Thermal Power Project Stage-I (Karnataka)	NTPC (420)	Environment and Forest clearance awaited. DPR has been prepared by Soviet side.
5.	Kahalgaon STPP Stage-I (Bihar)	NTPC (840)	Bulk of Soviet supplies has been received. The construction & erection work is in an advanced stage. Various units will be commissioned in a phased manner starting with Unit-I in the fourth quarter of 1991-92.
6.	Maithon Right Bank Thermal Power Plant (Bihar)	DVC (840)	DTR prepared by Soviet side. Investment decision awaited.
7.	Bakreswar Thermal Thermal Project (West Bengal)	WBPDGL(630)	Government of West Bengal has proposed that this project be delinked from the Soviets.

(c) and (d) The XIVth Meeting of the Indo-Soviet Working Group on power was held in New Delhi from April 1-5, 1991. The Working Group reviewed the progress of implementation of various Soviet aided power projects.

Establishment of Dulhasti-Kishenpur-Srinagar Power Project

1845. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the establishment of Dulhasti-Kishenpur-Srinagar 400 KV transmission network in Jammu and Kashmir was signed for development with Soviet assistance under the Indo-Soviet protocol in 1986;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to sharp cost escalation the assigned Soviet Development Agency are now backing out from their financial commitment; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government for early completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) As per the Indo-Soviet protocol signed in April, 1986, both Indian and Soviet sides agreed to examine the possibility of cooperation in the design and construction of the 400 KV Dulhasti-Kishenpur-Srinagar transmission line project.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Losses suffered by SEBs

1846. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the losses of State Electricity Boards continue to pile up and power supply position remains short of demand;

(b) if so, what are the details of losses suffered by State Electricity Boards during the last years; and

(c) the reasons for such losses and steps contemplated by the Central Government to save State Electricity Boards from losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the available information, the combined approximate loss suffered by various State Electricity Boards, after taking into account Rural Electrification subsidy, during the last three years is as follows:—

(Year ended March)	(Rs. in crores)
1988 . . .	275.29
1989 . . .	343.07
1990 . . .	623.94

(c) The main reasons for Boards' losses include low agricultural tariff and losses accruing from rural electrification, low PLF, high T&D losses, pilferage of power, arrears in revenue, heavy interest burden on loans etc.

The State Governments have been urged from time to time to manage the operations of the Electricity Boards in such a manner as would yield the statutory minimum surplus of 3 percent. They have also been advised to take measures including equity participation, provision of grants to meet the losses due to supply of power to the agricultural sector, timely revision of tariff, improving the performance of generating stations, reducing T&D losses, fixation of a minimum agricultural power tariff of 50 paise/kwh etc.

It is also proposed to set up five Regional Power Tariff Boards which will make recommendations to the State Governments regarding fixation of rationalised tariffs.

Inadequate power supply to Goa

1847. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry are aware that a large number of industrial and tourism projects in Goa has been hampered critically due to poor power situation;

(b) whether a request to set up gas based power station in Goa is pending with the Central Government; and

(c) if so, what steps Government contemplate to supply adequate power to Goa for its industrial and tourism projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) The power requirement of Goa which was 374 million units during the period April to October, 1991, has been fully met. At present, there is no notified power cut in the State. No proposal for setting up a gas based power station in Goa is pending with the Government.

White wash of DESU buildings

1848. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the official and the residential buildings owned by Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking have not been white washed for many years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the number of such buildings which have not been white washed for last more than two years; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure the timely white-wash of such buildings so that their life-span is not shortened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY